

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7 of First Extraordinary Session

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate The Rotary Club in
Columbia, Tennessee on 75 years of dedicated
service.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary clubs and organizations that are celebrating milestones in their venerable history; and

WHEREAS, The Rotary Club in Columbia, Tennessee is one such outstanding club, which has proficiently served the needs of its community for 75 years; and

WHEREAS, The Columbia Rotary Club, charter number 1650, held its first meeting with fifteen members on February 21, 1924 at the Bethel Hotel; and

WHEREAS, from that fateful day the Rotary Club began to steadily rise to its present heights of accomplished public service, with its membership growing yearly; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia Rotary Club has always been active in community affairs; and

WHEREAS, the club has provided from its membership three District Governors, Hanes Ayres in 1953-54; Marshall Ledbetter, Sr. in 1966-67; and James C. Couch, Jr. in 1994-95; and

WHEREAS, The Columbia Club received the District Governor's Award for most outstanding Rotary Club in 1983-84; and

WHEREAS, upholding the Rotary creed "Service Above Self", the club participates and has developed many community projects and functions including: Little League, Soccer Team, Girls Softball team, Rotary National Little League Park, Boy Scout Troop 103, shelters in Maury County and Woodland Parks, Columbia State scholarships fund, 4-H Club activities, sponsoring annually the delegates to Volunteer Boys' and Girls' State, as well as substantial contributions over the years; and

WHEREAS, The Rotary Club also supported numerous other organizations such as: the Rotary Foundation, the Columbia Community Band, Community Concerts, Columbia Main Street, the Maury County Public Education Foundation, the Maury County Animal Shelter, the Central High School Band, Project Graduation, the Jack Charlton Scholarship, and the Columbia YMCA; and

WHEREAS, the success of Rotary in Columbia has been enhanced over the years by members' faithfulness and dedication in their perfect attendance; this zeal for Rotary and its good works are exemplified in the present membership of C. Allen Kerly, a member with 50 years of perfect attendance; Charles Tisher, a member with 37 years of perfect attendance; J.K. Langsdon, Jr., a member with 34 years of perfect attendance; A.C. Howell, a member with 20 years of perfect attendance; John Bunch, a member with 18 years of perfect attendance; members Franklin Armstrong; Dr. Rufus Clifford, and Danny Lasater who have 10 years of perfect attendance; and

WHEREAS, it is entirely appropriate that this General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to one of Tennessee's finest clubs, the Rotary Club of Columbia, Tennessee, as it celebrates its 75th Anniversary; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate the members of the Columbia Rotary
Club for 75 years of exemplary service to their community, and wish them continued success
in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.